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MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ] Chairman, CIA/DIA/JAG

SUBJECT : Assembly of Data on Selected US Military Programs

1. Thank you for your expression of willingness to have the JAG assemble data on selected US military programs. As [ ] and I indicated, it seems important that we have some data compiled in order to have a better understanding of how major programs of big nations behave. We think it would help the several offices of the ODI area and the JAG in our attempts to make realistic future estimates. It might prove useful to [ ] as a means of comparing actual program cycles with force structure projections. I took the liberty of mentioning the idea to our colleagues in DIA Estimates, and they too would welcome such a compilation.

2. As I indicated, JAG's access in the Pentagon puts it in a good position to collect the relevant data. I have no doubt that [ ] would lend assistance, and I would be glad to enlist DIA Estimates if that proves necessary.

3. The main thing is to get the real facts about the growth, maintenance, and (in some cases) eventual phase-out of US operational capabilities with key weapons and forces. This means not production, not pipeline, not squadrons, etc., but actual numbers of operational weapons in units on an annual basis.

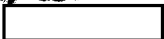4. The selection could be very wide, but here are some obvious suggestions:

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5. I realize that this will take some time to assemble, verify, and get onto a consistent chronological basis. It would be of greatest value, however, if it were available about the beginning of December, when we need to begin work on the annual 11-4 estimate on overall Soviet military policies and programs.

/s/

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